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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the present amendment and in light of the following discussions, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application. Each of the independent claims (i.e., claims 1, 8 and 15) has been amended. No claims have been canceled or added herewith. The changes are supported by the originally filed specification (e.g., paragraph [0048] *et seq.*), and no new matter has been added. In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1, 8 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, and claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over the combination of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0038832 (hereinafter “the ‘832 publication”) and U.S. Patent No. 7,275,016 (hereinafter “the ‘016 patent”).

In response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, the independent claims have been amended to recite “utilizing the identifier for the network component to obtain an address for the network component and using the address to communicate with the network component to correct the error condition.” Thus, this change is believed to address the question raised in the Office Action of “why and how the identifier is used.”

In response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), that ground for rejection is respectfully traversed. Each of the independent claims is believed to define over the applied combination for the reasons set forth in the response to the previous Office Action. Moreover, each of the independent claims recites “utilizing the identifier for the network component to obtain an address for the network component and using the address to communicate with the network component to correct the error condition.” This limitation is not taught by the applied combination of references. Instead, as described in the response to the last Office Action, the ‘832 publication is directed to errors in applications that are caught in software. The Office Action has not shown how those applications would have addresses to use when communicating with the applications to correct an error condition. Moreover, the Office Action has not

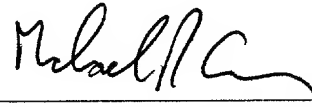
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identified how the '016 patent would teach or suggest this limitation. Thus, the combination of references fails to teach the same limitation not taught by the references individually, and claim 1 and its dependent claims are patentable over the combination of references.

As the Office Action has not provided separate analyses for independent claims 8 and 15 (and their respective dependent claims), it is respectfully submitted that those claims are patentable over the applied reference for at least the reasons set forth above for claim 1.

Consequently, in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome and the pending claims are in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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